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Dear Ms. Hyde,

Attached with this email, please find a letter from WaterLegacy regarding the Minnesota 2014 and 2016 Draft Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Impaired Waters Lists. In this letter, we request specific action from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Clean Water Act and its implementing regulations.

WaterLegacy's letter to the EPA attaches our Comment to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on the Minnesota 2016 Draft Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List submitted today, along with a set of ten Exhibits. These Exhibits document the MPCA's failure to list wild rice/sulfate impaired waters, our comments, Minnesota's responses, and the EPA's review of Minnesota's Section 303(d) Impaired Waters Lists since 2012. We've also included with our letter to EPA another four Attachments that provide further background with respect to Minnesota's delays in addressing mercury impairments and continuing failure to list wild rice/sulfate impaired waters despite available data that would allow such a listing.

We would appreciate receiving a responsive email informing us that our letter and attached materials have been received.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding these documents or if you would like more information about any of the issues raised in WaterLegacy's letter, comment, exhibits or attachments.

WaterLegacy looks forward to the EPA's action to ensure that Minnesota's 303(d) listing, including the identification of wild rice/sulfate impaired waters, complies with the Clean Water Act and implementing regulations.

Sincerely yours,
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